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## PRINCIPLES GOVERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

### A. General Principles

d. In the plains, the jurisdictional area of a village government may not extend more than 3 1/3 miles. In the mountain areas, however, it may be extended to about 8 1/3 miles.

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B. Organization

Article 5. The village government council shall be made up of 7 - 13 members. The chairman and deputy chairman of the council shall act as the mayor and deputy mayor of the village, respectively.

Article 6. The village government committees shall include the following: civil affairs, finance and food, culture and education, production and cooperatives, public security, overseas Chinese affairs, and arbitration committees. Each committee shall be made up of 5 - 9 members with one member designated as chairman. Members of the village government council may concurrently serve as members of these committees.

If necessary, additional temporary committees, such as transportation, irrigation, relief, etc., may be established by the village governments. One or two secretaries may be employed by the village governments to handle the administrative work.

Article 7. Based on the ratio of one per 50 inhabitants, the village governments may establish citizen's groups (hsiao-tsu). Each group will elect one man as its representative to cooperate with other representatives in assisting the government to carry out its functions. A chairman shall be chosen from among 3 - 6 representatives of these groups to act as liaison between them and the village government. In the establishment of these citizen's groups, a surplus group of more than 30 but less than 50 may be authorized to form a citizen's group. However, if the number is less than 30, they must be equally assigned among other groups.

C. Duties

Article 8. The village government council is the highest authority of the village government. (If a village government is formed through an election system, the village people's delegates assembly shall be the highest authority and will have the power of dismissing the mayor and the members of the committees, discussing and planning the activities of the village government, instituting necessary reforms, and supervising and investigating the activities of the village government council.) The primary duties of the village government council shall be as follows:

- a. Enforce the orders and instructions of the higher authorities.
- b. Plan and carry out the functions of the village government.
- c. Plan and draft the budget.
- d. Prepare and submit periodic reports to higher authorities.
- e. Appoint and dismiss personnel.
- f. Decide major issues of the village government.

Article 9. Duties of the Mayor

- a. To act as the representative of the village government in external affairs.
- b. To be responsible for the daily activities of the village government council.
- c. To call conferences and business meetings of the village government council and to act as chairman.
- d. To guide the activities of the various committees.
- e. The deputy mayor is responsible for assisting the mayor in carrying out his duties and must act in behalf of the mayor during the latter's absence.

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Article 10. Functions of the Various Committees

## a. The civil affairs committee is responsible for:

- (1) Improving the people's standard of living, enforcing reduction of rent and interest rate, redistributing arable land, deciding the amount of taxes to be assessed, etc.
- (2) Census, registration, and compilation of statistics.
- (3) Mobilizing and organizing the people to give material and financial support to the war front.
- (4) Election procedures.
- (5) Sanitation matters.
- (6) All matters pertaining to the revision of people's customs and habits.
- (7) All matters pertaining to special privileges granted to dependents of military heroes.
- (8) Organizing public welfare groups.
- (9) All other matters pertaining to civil affairs.

## b. The finance and food committee is responsible for:

- (1) Detailed investigation of all farmlands.
- (2) Assisting the higher authorities in collecting taxes.
- (3) Custody and distribution of public grains belonging to the higher authorities.
- (4) Custody of all public properties within the jurisdiction of the village government.
- (5) Preparing the village government's budget.
- (6) Alleviating the food situation.
- (7) Carrying out survey of production.
- (8) All other matters pertaining to finance and food.

## c. The culture and education committee is responsible for:

- (1) Establishing and reorganizing schools.
- (2) Encouraging the people to send their children to primary schools and higher educational institutions.
- (3) Organizing village cultural clubs and associations to improve the intellectual standard of the people.
- (4) Preparing the educational budget of the village government.
- (5) Organizing literary classes, training and night schools, and establishing village blackboards to improve the cultural standard of the people.
- (6) Custody and safeguarding of priceless documents.
- (7) All other matters pertaining to culture and education.

## d. The production and cooperatives committee is responsible for:

- (1) Planning the development of the village agriculture, industry and commerce.
- (2) Organizing village cooperatives, such as production, consumers, transportation, etc.
- (3) Planning the improvement of farming system, irrigations, etc.
- (4) All other economic and reconstruction matters.

## e. The public security committee is responsible for:

- (1) Maintaining local public peace and social order.
- (2) Counterespionage work to curb the activities of the KMT reactionary elements.
- (3) Intelligence activities.
- (4) Helping the village government to enforce all government restrictions.

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- (5) Securing the rear areas.
  - (6) All other matters pertaining to local security.
- g. The overseas Chinese affairs committee is responsible for:
- (1) Assisting and protecting all overseas Chinese who are either leaving for abroad or returning to China.
  - (2) Welfare of the overseas Chinese.
  - (3) Rendering assistance to overseas Chinese in making out remittance slips, etc.
  - (4) Investigating and establishing overseas Chinese offices.
  - (5) All other matters pertaining to overseas Chinese affairs.
- h. The arbitration committee is responsible for:
- (1) Preserving harmony among the inhabitants and settling all disputes.
  - (2) Guaranteeing civil and property rights of the individuals and abolishing all illegal practices.
  - (3) Assisting the people in obtaining redress of grievances against the village government or higher authorities.

D. Meetings

Article 11. A two-third quorum is required to hold a meeting of the village government council. All legislations must have a majority approval of those present before they become effective.

Article 12. A conference and a business meeting must be held twice a month by the village government council. Village committee meeting must be convened once every 10 days. When necessary, special meetings may be called.

The final authority over legislation will be vested in the chairman of the village government council.

E. Appointments

Article 13. Appointments of village mayor and members of the village government council and committees must be approved by the hsien people's government. Appointments of other village government employees must be approved by the village government council.

Article 14. Persons running for election as representatives of the citizen's groups must be first approved by the village government council.

F. Expenditures

Article 15. With the exception of mayor and deputy mayor, secretaries, and civil servants, all others will not be compensated for their services.

Article 16. All emergency expenses of the village government will be defrayed by the hsien people's government.

Article 17. The approval of the Ch'ao-an--Mei Hsien Executive Committee must be obtained before any revision is made in these regulations.

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